

## Prophet Muhammad behaviour regarding zakat and charity

How can you follow Prophet Muhammed's example?

1. Be very generous. Give from what Allah has given you and allocate a portion of the wealth Allah gave you to the poor, thereby following the example of the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him).
2. Smile at the poor and needy when you give them charity, as the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) preferred to give charity than to take it.
3. Help the poor, needy and people in general in different ways, one time with charity, another time with gifts and a third time by buying something for them which they need.
4. Be careful to give zakat al-fitr before the Eid prayer. Beware of delaying it until after the prayer.
5. Be particular in spending on your household members and relatives, as this is the best form of charity. The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said,

«Charity given to the needy is considered charity, but charity given to a relative is considered two good acts: charity and keeping ties of kinship»

[related by Ahmed].

6. Love the people and love helping them. The best type of person is the one who benefits the people the most. The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said,

«Those who Allah loves the most are the ones who benefit the people the most. And the act that Allah likes the most is to make a Muslim feel happy, remove some difficulties from him, pay off his debt or remove his hunger. Helping a brother [fulfill his needs] is more beloved to me than spending retreat for one month in this mosque in Madinah»

[related by At-Tabarani].